

Children's Bureau of New Orleans Celebrates the Heroes in our Midst



*Sakari Morrison and **Laurie Young** at Children's Bureau of New Orleans' Children's Hero Awards. Friday, October 3, 2014. (Josh Brasted Photo)*



***Jaimmé Collins**, Greg Feirn and Kelisha Garrett at Children's Bureau of New Orleans' Children's Hero Awards. Friday, October 3, 2014. (Josh Brasted Photo)*

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If the thee superheroes — Wonder Woman, Spiderman and Bat Girl — outside a Lakefront home waving at passersby didn't give people a clue that something special was going on inside, then maybe once they crossed the threshold, it became clearer.

On Friday (Oct. 3) the home of **Laurie and Jeff Young** was transformed into a superhero-style site for the second annual **Children's Bureau "Children's Hero Awards."**

Past Board President **Jaimmé Collins** kicked off the event's official agenda by welcoming guests, then turned the floor over to **Alden McDonald**, who noted the youth of the crowd, also saying "I am seeing the city's new leaders here." Board President **Chris Foucheaux** then welcomed guests and this year's honorees, who were recognized for their heroic commitment to children in the community: **Kim Boyle**, Phelps Dunbar; **Leah Chase**, Dooky Chase's restaurant; **Lloyd Dennis**, Silverback Society; **Greg Feirn**, LCMC Health; **Judy Reese Morse**, Deputy Mayor, City of New Orleans; **Miriam Ortique** and the late **Judge Revius Ortique Jr.**, the **Fore!Kids Foundation** and **ReNew Schools**. If you missed seeing the presentation, a creative reminder of who the honorees were was made by artist **Damion Hunter**, who did portraits of each one. He also donated art to the raffle, as did another artist, who attended the event, **Bruce Davenport Jr.** (who is now calling himself Dapper Bruce Lafitte). Other raffle items included VIP tickets to the New Orleans Saints vs. Atlanta Falcons game; a seven-course meal in your home by private chef Mae Leonard; and a ride for two in the Krewe of Orpheus parade.

Children's Bureau President and CEO **Paulette Carter**, event co-chairs **Bridget Barthelemy**, **Alyson Karnath**, **Dana Labat Ph.D.**, **Crystal McDonald** and **Mullady Voelker** were joined at the festivities by **Cheryl and Mayor Mitch Landrieu**, **Karen and Dr. Stephen Hales** (a past awardee), City Councilmember **Jared Brossett**, **PK Scheerle** and **Bruce Bolyard**, **Sherwood Collins**, **Rhesa McDonald**, **Sakari Morrison**, and **Sarah Smart**, to name a few.

The [Children's Bureau](#) provides programs that improve the quality of life of children and families by addressing mental health issues.

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